orders u/s 226(3) to direct the third parties to pay up amounts due a rom them to the defaulters, issue of recovery certificates which enable the Tax Recevoery Officers to effect recovery by attachment/sale of assets. Since a large part of arrear demand is locked up in appeals and settle-ment/waiver petitions, appellate authorities are requested to dspose of appeals expeditiously in the case involving high demands and steps are taken to dispose of the settlement/ waiver petitions also promptly. In suitable cases assessees are allowed to pay taxes in instalments. Administratively action pla$_n$ targets have been fixed f^{or} reduction of arrears and the progress is being monitored by senior officers of tho level of Commissioner of Income-tax and above.

(c) The amount involved in the 3712 cases referred to at. (a) above was Rs. 2502.41 crores. Out of tihs, demand of Rs. 1766.97 crores was disputed i$_n$ appeals or recovery thereof had been stayed by courts and other authorities. The total amount collected/reduced till 31st December 1938 is *Rs.* 678.39 crores. External Assistance fo$_r$ Projects in Assam

2417. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI; WiJl the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Assam Government had sought any external aid fo$_r$ implementing development programmes in the State during the last three years;

(b) if so, what is the number of projects under implementation in Assam with external aid; and

(c) whether any project was started in Assam with World Bank assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The details of projects in Assam for which external assistance has been committed during the last three years are given in the Statement.

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Date of agreement	Donor agency	Amount US $ million	Remarks
1	Third National Agriculture Extension project (NAEP-III)	29-6-1987	International Development Association	85.00	This is a multi-State project. The participating States are Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Assam.
2	Third National Seeds Project.	22-12-1988	Do.	150.00	A multi-State project with the participation of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Raiasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Export of Granite Slabs

2418. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the .IVfinisteV of COMMERCE bo pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries to which Granite Slabs o$_r$ Tiles ar$_e$ exported; and

(b) the value/quantity of Granite Slabs exporter to various countries, countVywise during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE .MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R-DAS MUNSHI): (a) Granite Slabs and Tiles are mainly

exported to Japan, U.K. USA, Canada, Australia, West Germany, Netherlands and Newzealand.

(b) Estimated exports of polished Granite Slabs and Tiles during the last three years have been as under:—

(value : Rs. Lakhs)
(Qty. Metric Tonnes)

Year	Quantity	Value
1986-87	6822.8	600
1987-88	7692.5	895
1988-89 (April-January)	4997.8	777

Country-wise break-up, yearly available in value terms only for 1987-88, is given below :—

Country	Value in Lakh Rs.
Australia	28.0
Canada	54.0
West Germany	21.0
Japan	346.0
Netherlands	14.0
U.K.	235.0
U.S.A.	185.0
New Zealand	3.0
Taiwan	3.0
Kenya	3.0
Sri Lanka	4.0
TOTAL	895.0

Wate$_r$ Requirement of Orissa

2419. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAFA-TRA: Will th$_e$ Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state;

(a) whether any Survey/Study has been conducted by the Central Government to determine the water rociuireETient of Orissa and explore the water resources in the State; and

Ch) if so, what are th$_e$ details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (^{b}) As ^{a} Part of Peninsular Rivers Development Component of'the National Perspective, tlie • National Water Development Agency has. taken up detailed water balance studies of rivers flowing through Orissa State. However, surface water resources are assessed basin/sub-basin wise and not State-wie. Th$_e$ Central Ground Water Board of this Ministry ha$_s$ assessed the annual replenishable ground water resource of the State at 23.3 thousand million cubic meter.

Revival of Textile Mill at Chotidwar

2420. SHRl BASUDEB MOHAPATRA; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textiles mill situated at Choudwar, Orissa has sustained heavy loss since the date of taking over of the mill in 1981;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total amount *oi* loan granted to the mill for revival; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to recover the loan amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM). (a) and (b) The Union Governmen* does not maintain profit and l°ss account of individual mill compaines.

(c) and (d) Orissa Government is reported to have sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 1419 lakh for revival Of the mill. Th$_e$ mill hag not been able to repay the Government loans becuase of continued cash losses.

Borrowing' limits of Union and State Governments

2421. SHRI PARVATHANENI UP-ENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whethe'r the Fiscal Research Foundation has suggested a legislation fo'r fixing limits to the borrowings by th$_e$ Union and State Government; and-

(b) if so, what is- Government's reaction thereto?